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Mr. John Neal Hoover, Exec Dir.
St Louis Mercantile Library
Univ. of Missouri at St Louis
8001 Natural Bridge Rd 63121-2499

Date

Dear John

We received your ~~letter~~ September 2, 2003 letter and know that the move can be accomplished accordingly. We will pay for any moving costs we arrange for.

We are naturally disappointed that our mutual goals were not achieved during the many years we worked together. When the adjacent UMSL parking garage lower level was suggested as a Mercantile Library Museum complex we spent \$3,000 for layout renderings. When the UMSL Communications Building became available and was selected by UMSL as a better location for the museum complex we arranged for \$35,000 to be paid to UMSL to cover initial planning costs and pledged \$1,000,000 to be used to remodel that facility. When that project did not proceed after extensive planning we worked on a money museum possibility within the Mercantile library space. A huge amount of work was devoted over the years by both of our organizations to those projects. Tom Surfass, our curator, has done work for the ~~library~~ Mercantile library for many years, including services on the reference desk on an average of two days per week at 4 1/2 hours per day. We also gave you the bulk of the Stadler book collection which we ^{recently} purchased.

These comments are merely to make clear that we have earnestly tried to do our part for mutual educational goals.

Sincerely,

Books to Charlie Davis

EPNNES

Mr. John Hooper, director
Mercantile Library of St Louis
UMSL

Date

Natural Bridge Rd
St Louis, MO 63

Dear John:

We (EPNNES) are writing you to make a record of an arrangement made between Mercantile and EPNNES, both not-for-profit Missouri educational organizations.

When Ma Frances Stadler died in 2001 we were recommended as potential purchasers of her book collection. We met with Ernst Stadler, her widower, at their Waterman Avenue residence in St Louis and ~~viewed~~ ^{viewed} an overview of about 1000 books. The collection contained not only Missouri and St. Louis subject matter, but a Civil War group, a large Western American (including native American) literature and some loose Harper's Weekly segments. The requested price for all the ~~above~~ items was \$3,000.00. We asked for permission to write you to examine the items and in a few days we met you there. You particularly liked the Western American group which consisted of ~~several~~ ^{pieces} hundred. You said you would ~~take~~ ^{keep} any other parts of the library which EPNNES did not wish to keep. You suggested that Mercantile had some duplicates in fields of interest of EPNNES to help ~~on~~ ^{make an} exchange.

EPNNES paid the \$3,000.00 on October 17, 2001 as requested. Mercantile took all of the Western American pieces, the Civil War items and whatever EPNNES did not select of the Missouri and St Louis items. ~~much was~~ ^{much was} ~~amounted to~~ ^{amounted to} ~~most~~ ^{most} of the Missouri and St Louis material.

In due course you invited EPNNES to examine an ~~area~~ ^{appropriate} area of books in the vault at UMSL to pick out some books in the EPNNES fields of interest for the exchange. The list will be attached to this letter.

It was a pleasure to work with the Mercantile in this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society

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